



Gerunds

- The structure "verb + ing" or "gerund" in English is commonly used for various reasons, primarily because gerunds serve specific functions in sentences, for example:

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1. Expressing Continuous Actions:
Gerunds, which are formed by adding "-ing" to verbs, are used to indicate ongoing or continuous actions.

- For example, "I quit swimming" or "She enjoys dancing."
- In these cases, the gerund form emphasizes the continuous nature of the action.

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2. As Subjects of Sentences: Gerunds can function as the subject of a sentence.



- For instance, "Swimming is my favorite hobby."
- Here, "swimming" serves as the subject of the sentence, indicating what the sentence is about.

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3. As Objects of Verbs:
Gerunds can also act as the direct object of a verb.



- For example, "I like reading books."
- In this sentence, "reading books" is the direct object of the verb "like."

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4. After Prepositions: Gerunds are often used after prepositions (e.g., in, on, at) to show the relationship between the action and other elements in the sentence.

-  For example, "He **is good at playing** the guitar."
-  Here, "playing" is used after the structure "verb to be + good at"
-  For example, "She **wasn't too keen on going** to the party."
-  Here, "going" is used after the structure "verb be + keen on"

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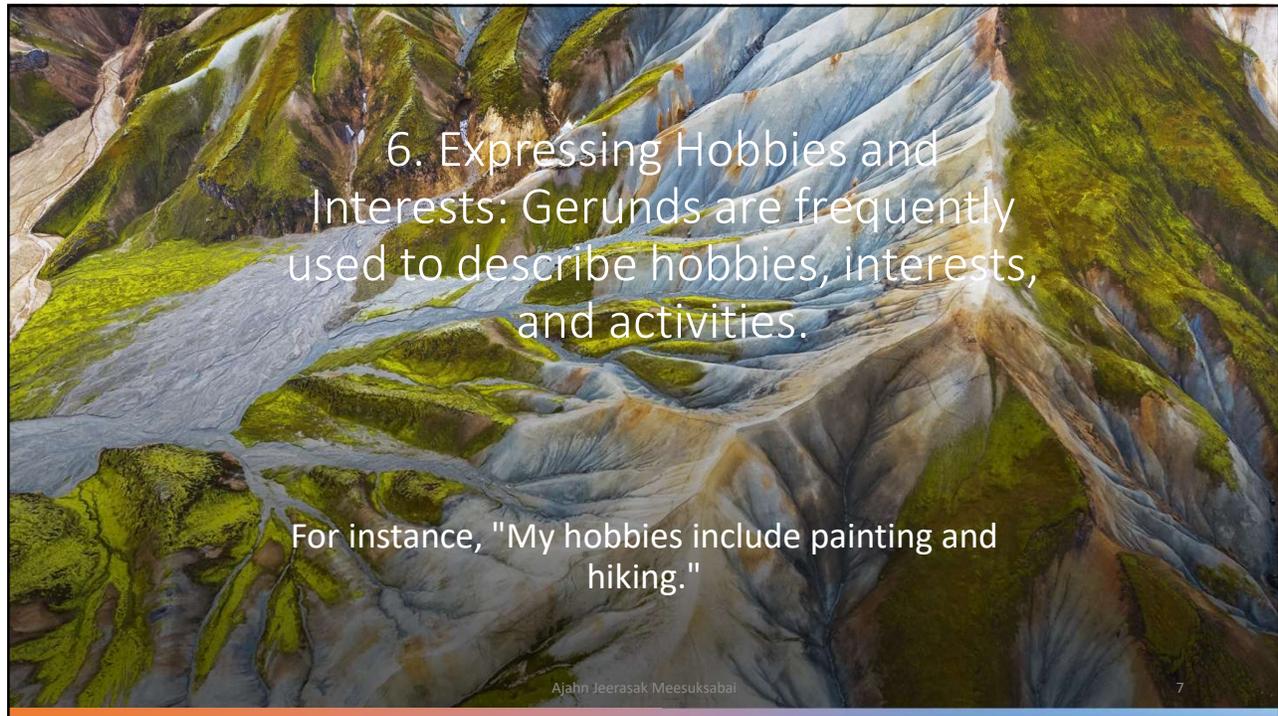
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5. After Certain Verbs: Some verbs are followed by gerunds to indicate the action that comes after the verb. Common examples include "enjoy," "avoid," "finish," "mind," "keep," "deny," "suggest," and "recommend."

- For instance, "She **recommends trying** the new restaurant."
- "They **kept working** until the project was completed."
- Here, "trying" is used after the verb "recommend" and "working" after the verb "keep".
- **More examples** include verb phrases like "look forward to," "get used to," "can't stand," and "give up".
- For instance, "They're **looking forward to watching** the show."
- Here, "watching" is used after the verb phrase "look forward to."

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6. Expressing Hobbies and Interests: Gerunds are frequently used to describe hobbies, interests, and activities.

For instance, "My hobbies include painting and hiking."

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